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1. On 17 May 1953, the Ludendorff Kaserne, Stahnsdorf, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. Some buildings mounted masts, braced to all sides. Two four-mast radio stations were southeast of the installation. In the morning, about 180 to 200 troops armed with rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns left the installation for firing practices east of Gueterfelder Strasse. Jeep [REDACTED] at the installation.

2. On 17 May, the Siegfeld Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Little activity and no training were observed. Jeep [REDACTED] was at the entrance.

3. On 17 May, the Schlieffen Kaserne was occupied by about 100 to 200 troops wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets. Only little training activity was observed in the barracks area. Trucks [REDACTED] en route to and from the installation.

4. On 5 June, the Schlieffen Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. About 25 soldiers received theoretical instruction and about 40 soldiers engaged in physical training in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [REDACTED]

5. On 5 June, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. The installation appeared unusually quiet, with only little activity observed. Truck [REDACTED] entering the installation.

6. On 5 June, the Siegfeld Kaserne was occupied by about 100 to 150 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed in the barracks area. About 30 to 35 soldiers engaged in field-wire laying in the training area adjoining the installation. Trucks [REDACTED] en route to and from the installation.

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25X1 7. On 5 June, [] a new telephone line was under construction from the direction of Spindlersfelde to Alt-Glienicke via Adlershof. A branch-off led toward Gruenau. Fifty to 60 men were employed in the erecting of telephone poles. On 5 June, the line was completed almost as far as Alt-Glienicke. Construction material was hauled there by trucks []

25X1 [] 8. On 1 June, the Schlieffen Kaserne was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 3 May, trucks loaded with boxes, billeting equipment, tools and cable reels kept leaving the installation throughout the day, proceeding toward the Siegfeld Kaserne and, later, toward Potsdam. About 200 troops left in the same direction. On 9 May, trucks loaded with billeting equipment were continually leaving the installation throughout the day, proceeding toward Grossbeeren via Gueterfelde. The vehicles included 2 field kitchens. On 10 May, the quarters were quiet. A number of troops engaged in a game of soccer in the barracks yard and about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were watching the game. The 300 to 400 troops mentioned above had arrived at the installation on 17 May. Source believed that they included a large number of recruits. A large number of troops was seen in the barracks buildings and the barracks area on 17 May. New pictures and banners with slogans were observed in the installation. On 21 May, a new large radio truck, 10 soldiers and a heavy prime mover were in the northeast corner of the installation. On 23 May, 30 beds with blankets were seen on a meadow. Between 21 and 29 May, fatigue duty and physical training but no training was observed. On 24 May, a large sedan and about 10 senior officers were seen in front of the main guard. On 29 May, about 50 troops armed with rifles and equipped with shelter halves and blankets were seen preparing their meal in the northwest corner of the installation. Trucks [] en route to and from the installation.

9. Prior to 8 May, the Siegfeld Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 8 and 9 May, an undetermined number of trucks carrying billeting equipment left the installation toward Gueterfelde-Grossbeeren. On 10 May, [] any activity. 25X1 On 22 May, about 16 soldiers with full field pack left the installation. On 24 May, about 80 troops were lined up in the barracks yard and, at about 2 p.m., several trucks occupied to capacity by troops with firing equipment entered the installation. At the same time, firing of rifles and submachine guns was heard from the Gueterfelde firing range. On 29 May, an armored personnel carrier, occupied by 6 soldiers, left the installation toward Gueterfelde. On 1 June, about eight soldiers received instruction at the antenna masts. Motor vehicles [] route to and from the installation []

25X1 10. On 18 May, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 21 May, about 14 soldiers went to a bath. No other activities were observed. []

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1. [] Comment. Although the occupational strength figures given by the [] do not check with each other, they tend to indicate that, compared with a report [] in early May, the installations, in early June, were only partially occupied. [] This may be due to exercises held by signal units of the GDR, or be connected with the movements [] of paragraph 8. There is the possibility that operating groups with the army group headquarters in Wuensdorf were being exchanged, or, on the other hand, recruits may have been moved to the installations and cadre personnel may have left for exercises. The line construction in the Spindlerfelde-Alt-Glienicke-Gruenau area presumably was for the MVD []

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